

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 601
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Georgia Belle Davidson,
mother of Representative Gene Davidson.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Georgia Belle Davidson, the mother of our colleague, Representative Gene Davidson; and

WHEREAS, many of us remember Gene telling us fondly about the tremendous impact she made on his life and on the life of his sister, Pamela M. Davidson, and how she was one of the most beloved and respected citizens of Robertson County; and

WHEREAS, born on August 26, 1923, Georgia was the daughter of James and Annie Goodman, the youngest of six children, three boys and three girls. The surviving siblings include sister Sally C. Goodman and brothers Fred and Harold Goodman; and

WHEREAS, her father was a Baptist and her mother was a Methodist, the boys went to church with the father and the girls with their mother; and

WHEREAS, she married John E. Davidson on January 19, 1946, and they celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary on January 19, 1996. This fine couple loved each other very deeply and were devoted to the happiness of each other. She was a strong willed individual and her desire to reach her fiftieth anniversary motivated her in the last months of her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davidson was a distinguished graduate of Bell High School and the Nashville Business College; and

WHEREAS, she was an active member of the Farm Bureau, served admirably as a committee member of the local Farmers Home Administration, as a valued member of the Eastern Star and was one of the first women to serve on a Robertson County jury, in 1958; and

WHEREAS, active in community affairs, Mrs. Davidson also generously contributed her time, energy and considerable expertise to the Thresherman's Convention and the Adams Home Demonstration Club; and

WHEREAS, she was a devout member of the Adams United Methodist Church, loved God and her church and served the Lord faithfully all her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Davidson loved life and lived it, faced life's challenges with tremendous courage and conviction, and embraced and accepted difference in others; and

WHEREAS, the legacy she leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Georgia Belle Davidson, remembering with admiration her strong character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to Representative Gene Davidson, her family and many friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.